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South Putnam PSD Approved for Federal Funding

Morgantown, WV – July 13, 2005: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that Rural Development approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$8,190,000 for South Putnam Public Service District, Putnam County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade and expand the District's existing water treatment distribution system. Construction will include renovations to several water pump stations, new water distribution lines, security fencing, three new water storage tanks, two new water pumping stations, and other improvements.

"This expansion and upgrade will help the PSD better serve its 7,884 existing and 45 new customers," stated Steptoe.

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